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In re Application of  
Paul Joseph Dominowski  
Application No. 10/647,919  
Filed: August 26, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 15634 (PC25246)

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b), filed June 28, 2007.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a proper reply to the final Office Action of December 21, 2006. The final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. An amendment after final Office Action was filed on March 21, 2007. An Advisory Action mailed on April 30, 2007 informed petitioner the application was not placed in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on March 22, 2007. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

The requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) have been met. This petition is hereby **Granted**.

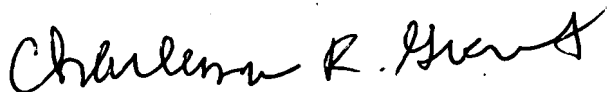
It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR §10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, Petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that Petitioner herein was ever empowered to prosecute the instant application. If Petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documentation and change of correspondence address must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be

mailed to Petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

The Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and the amendment will be forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlema R. Grant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "G".

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